

Equinoxe shifts location

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PARIS -- Equinoxe, the French-based international screenwriting workshop held twice a year at a chateau in France's Medoc region, will relocate to Marrakesh, Morocco from April 26-May 3, the organizers announced on Monday.

The high-profile screenwriting program, which has yielded 64 films since its inception in 1993, has been rechristened Equinoxe To Be Continued, and will be held in different locations around the world in keeping with its growing stature as an international event, said Pierre Lescure, Equinoxe president.

French actress Jeanne Moreau, the honorary president who has been associated with the workshop since it began, said it was her idea to hold the event in Morocco. The country, which instituted a film festival four years ago, has recently attracted Oliver Stone, who is shooting his epic "Alexander" there.

The workshops provide an opportunity for new filmmakers to develop original scripts for production under the guidance of established screenwriters and filmmakers.

Founded by Noelle Deschamps and French pay TV channel Canal Plus which Lescure used to head, Equinoxe To Be Continued is funded by a group that includes the European Commission, The U.K. Film Council, United International Pictures, UK, and the King of Morocco.

Future workshops are slated for San Francisco in April 2005 and Buenos Aires later that year.

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